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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. BOLIVIA STILL FEARS PERUVIAN ATTACK

A FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR STEDMAN THAT BOLIVIA'S WAR FEARS HAVE INCREASED IN RECENT DAYS. THE GOB NOW BELIEVES PERU MAY ATTACK CHILE THROUGH BOLIVIAN TERRITORY WHEN THE RAINY SEASON ENDS IN APRIL. IT ALSO BELIEVES THE USSR IS ENCOURAGING PERU, AS PART OF AN OVERALL PLAN TO OVERTHROW MODERATE MILITARY REGIMES IN THE SOUTHERN CONE. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, BOLIVIA REALIZES IT CANNOT DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST INCURSIONS FROM EITHER PERU OR CHILE, AND MAY SOON ASK ABOUT A US GUARANTEE OF ITS NEUTRALITY. (CON-
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FIDENTIAL) LA PAZ 581 (EXDIS), 1/21.)

2. "BERLIN CAN COUNT ON FRANCE"

FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD, CONCLUDING THE FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT OF A FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO BERLIN IN THIRTY YEARS, TOLD THE CITY'S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT "BER-

LIN CAN COUNT UPON FRANCE." GUIRINGAUD FIRMLY REJECTED EAST GERMAN EFFORTS TO DOWNPLAY FOUR POWER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIVIDED CITY AND SAID AN ACCEPTABLE BERLIN SITUATION WAS A

CRITERION FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE. GUIRINGAUD'S VISIT IS INTERPRETED BY US MISSION BERLIN AS AN UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT OF FRANCE'S INTENT TO MAINTAIN ITS COMMITMENTS IN BERLIN. (CONFIDENTIAL) BERLIN 231, 1/21.)

3. MANLEY HINTS JAMAICA MAY JOIN COMECON

PRIME MINISTER MANLEY TOLD PARLIAMENT JANUARY 19 THAT JAMAICA WILL SOON "COMPLETE" ITS POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT BY ESTABLISHING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON HAD BEEN TOLD ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO CUBA THAT COMECON NATIONS MIGHT PROVIDE JAMAICA WITH THE MARKETS AND IMPORTS IT NEEDED, AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS:

--INVITING TWO SENIOR COMECON OFFICIALS NOW IN CUBA TO VISIT JAMAICA; AND

--SENDING A JAMAICAN TRADE DELEGATION TO MOSCOW TO EXPLORE TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

EMBASSY KINGSTON NOTES THAT MANLEY'S REMARKS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A PRESS REPORT, CONFIRMED BY THE MFA, THAT JAMAICA IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINING COMECON. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINGSTON 316, 1/20.)

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4. SUDAN TENSIONS POSE DILEMMA FOR SOVIETS

A SUDANESE DIPLOMAT HAS TOLD EMBASSY MOSCOW THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE USSR HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER A PERIOD OF TENSION FOLLOWING LAST JULY'S COUP ATTEMPT IN THE SUDAN. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WERE NOT AVERSE TO SOME TENSION BETWEEN THE SUDAN AND ITS NEIGHBORS IF THIS WOULD WEAKEN COORDINATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE SUDAN AGAINST LIBYA. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE DOUBTED THAT THEY WERE ENCOURAGING THE TROUBLE KHARTOUM WAS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING WITH ETHIOPIA, BECAUSE TENSION IN THIS REGION WOULD COMPLICATE THE DELICATE BALANCING ACT THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO PULL OFF BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 944, 1/20.)

5. STANDS SOFTENING ON SINO-SOVIET BORDER DISPUTE?

CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG BELIEVES PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS

IN THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER DISPUTE MAY HAVE IMPROVED RECENT-
LY ACCORDING TO INFORMATION GATHERED BY JAPANESE DIPLO-
MATS IN PEKING, THE RUSSIANS HAVE OFFERED PROPOSALS FOR A
MUTUAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM THE BORDER AREAS AND IMPROVED

CROSS-BORDER COMMUNICATIONS. THE CHINESE REPORTEDLY HAVE
CEASED REJECTING THESE PROPOSALS OUT OF HAND AND ARE RE-
SPONDING WITH CAREFULLY WORDED REPLIES. THE CONSULATE GEN-
ERAL NOTES THAT NO REFLECTION OF A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE IS TO
BE FOUND, HOWEVER, IN THE PRC MEDIA OR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.
(CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 835, 1/21.)

6. SOARES: NO BACKING OFF FROM LOAN

PRIME MINISTER SOARES TOLD AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI JANUARY 21
THAT PORTUGAL DEFINITELY INTENDS TO SIGN THE \$300 MILLION
CONSORTIUM LOAN AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS ALREADY NEGOTIATED,
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BUT MUST GAUGE THE TIMING AND AMOUNT OF A DEVALUATION
CAREFULLY OR RISK BRINGING DOWN HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID
THE GOP ACCEPTS THE NECESSITY OF THE ECONOMIC REFORMS
DEMANDED BY THE US AND THE IMF, BUT CANNOT AFFORD TO
APPEAR TO BE MAKING THEM UNDER PRESSURE. HE ASKED THE US
TO UNDERSTAND HIS DELICATE POLITICAL SITUATION, AND ASKED
FOR MORE TIME. (SECRET) LISBON 621, 1/21.)
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